

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 – 62 (Cancelled)

Claim 63 (New) An image forming apparatus, comprising:

a heat source configured to supply power from a storage device;

a fixing member configured to be heated by the heat source;

a pressing member arranged to face the fixing member;

a sensor member configured to detect a temperature of the fixing member; and

a control device configured to cause the storage device to supply power to the heat source when a temperature of the fixing member is decreased below a first reference temperature from a starting timing of an image forming operation based on at least one of a rate of decrease of the temperature of the fixing apparatus, a temperature of the pressuring member, an ambient temperature, and a temperature difference between the fixing apparatus and the pressuring member.

Claim 64 (New) the image forming apparatus of claim 63, wherein the control device is further configured to change the temperature from the first reference temperature to a second reference temperature which is higher than the first reference temperature.

Claim 65 (New) The image forming apparatus of claim 63, wherein the control device is further configured to change the temperature from the first reference temperature to a second reference temperature when the temperature of the fixing member is decreased below the second reference temperature within a time period from a start of an image forming operation to a predetermined time.

Claim 66 (New) The image forming apparatus of claim 63, wherein the control device is further configured to change the temperature from the first reference temperature to a second reference temperature when the temperature of the fixing member is decreased below the second reference temperature within a time period from a start of an image forming operation to a time at which a predetermined number of sheets of paper have been processed.

Claim 67 (New) The image forming apparatus of claim 63, wherein the control device is further configured to change the temperature from the first reference temperature to a second reference temperature when the temperature of the fixing member is decreased below the second reference temperature which is the temperature where the pressuring member is below a predetermined temperature.

Claim 68 (New) The image forming apparatus of claim 63, where in the control device is further configured to change the temperature from the first reference temperature to a second reference temperature when the temperature of the fixing member is decreased below the second reference temperature which is the temperature where the ambient temperature is below a predetermined temperature.

Claim 69 (New) The image forming apparatus of claim 63, wherein the control device is further configured to change the temperature from the first reference temperature to a second reference temperature when the fixing member is decreased below the second reference temperature which is the temperature where the temperature difference between the fixing apparatus and the pressuring member is below a predetermined temperature.